Project Summary

The Swanton Heritage Water Trail project improved public access at historical locations along the Missisquoi River in Swanton, VT. The project included the engagement of high school and college students in site improvements and interpretive information for visitors. The river access projects and development of interpretation tie together a quarter-mile of the Missisquoi River, creating a new water-based heritage trail through the heart of town.

In spring 2017, the Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) worked with Swanton High School to create a removable set of stairs providing access from the Missisquoi River to Swanton’s historic rail depot. During the summer of 2017, the NFCT engaged college student interns and community volunteers in a project to create an access trail and ramp at historic Marble Mill Park. This work was followed by creation of content for an interpretive sign at Marble Mill Park, engaging students and members of the local historical society. An interpretive sign was installed at the site in spring 2018, using a